

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for preventing or treating oxidative stress resulting from haemodialysis ~~hemodialysis treatment in patients suffering from a condition selected from chronic kidney failure or for the treatment and prevention of acute or chronic kidney diseases or of and~~ End-Stage Renal Disease, which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of selected from the group consisting of cystine, cysteine and mixtures thereof.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, for the prevention and treatment of oxidative stress resulting from ~~haemodialysis~~ hemodialysis treatment in patients suffering from chronic kidney failure.

3. (Previously presented) Method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cystine and/or cysteine is administered in unit doses ranging from 200 to 1000 mg.

4.(currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cystine and/or cysteine is administered before and/or after ~~haemodialysis~~ hemodialysis treatment.

5 - 9 (Canceled)

10 (new) A method of treatment comprising subjecting a patient to hemodialysis and before, after or both before and after said treatment administering orally a dose of from 200 to 1000mg of cysteine, cystine or a mixture thereof.